



Sustainable Blue
Economy Partnership

ANNEX :

CALL FOR INTEREST 2025

2 THEMATIC PORTFOLIOS

*INNOVATIONS AND DIGITALISATION FOR LOW-IMPACT SUSTAINABLE
SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT IN EU SEA-BASINS.*

*INNOVATIONS FOR BOOSTING SUSTAINABILITY IN MARINE ALGAE
CULTIVATIONS AND CIRCULARITY IN THE BLUE BIOECONOMY.*

Application form

Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

2025

- ▶ *Call launch: July 31st 2025*
- ▶ *Submission deadline: November 12th 2025, 15H00 CET*

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CALL FOR INTEREST - APPLICATION FORM

This template is an indicative model of application form to submit an interest to join one of the two thematic Portfolios entitled:

- ▶ *Innovations and digitalisation for low-impact sustainable small-scale fisheries management in EU sea-basins*
- ▶ *Innovations for boosting sustainability in marine algae cultivations and circularity in the blue bioeconomy*

General guidance for applicants:

- ▶ *The Call for interest announcement can be downloaded from the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership <https://bluepartnership.eu/>;*
- ▶ *To ensure a complete application, **the interest to participate in one of the Thematic Portfolio must be submitted through the application form (excel document found on the SBEP website)**, and the supporting document (declaration of commitment by Projects Representatives i.e. Projects PI and Alternate (if any) as described in 6.2 of the call text). These documents must be submitted to the Portfolio Secretariat: sbep-portfolio@agencerecherche.fr by November 12th 2025 at 15H00 CET.*
- ▶ *The application form is composed of several sections to collect essential information concerning the interest to participate in a Thematic Portfolio and to examine the compliance with the eligibility criteria (see 6.2. of the call text).*
- ▶ *All Representatives must confirm their interest to participate in a thematic portfolio to the Portfolio Secretariat: sbep-portfolio@agencerecherche.fr and complete their information as required.*
- ▶ *The content of the application must be written in English and follow the set guidelines. The different sections of the application.*
- ▶ *Incomplete applications that do not adhere to the eligibility criteria will be rejected and will not be selected by the Portfolio Board.*
- ▶ *Any documents other than those requested as part of the application **will not be forwarded** to the Portfolio Board.*
- ▶ *If you require technical assistance or have any questions, please contact us at sbep-portfolio@agencerecherche.fr*

1.0 THEMATIC PORTFOLIOS

Please indicate which thematic portfolios you wish to join.

Thematics	Tick box
Innovations and digitalisation for low-impact sustainable small-scale fisheries management in EU sea-basins.	
Innovations for boosting sustainability in marine algae cultivations and circularity in the blue bioeconomy.	

1.1 1st Thematic Portfolio topic: Innovations and digitalisation for low-impact sustainable small-scale fisheries management in EU sea-basins

If applicable, please indicate the R&I activities covered or linked to your project:

Sub-thematics	Tick box
Reduction of environmental impacts of small-scale fisheries	
Sustainable management of small-scale fisheries considering the impact and societal costs of stressors such as habitat degradation, pollution, and climate change	
Economic sustainability of small-scale fisheries	

The detail of these sub-thematics is contained in the Call Text, see paragraph 2.1.

1.2 2nd Thematic Portfolio topic: Innovations for boosting sustainability in marine algae cultivations and circularity in the blue bioeconomy

If applicable, please indicate the R&I activities covered or linked to your project:

Sub-thematics	Tick box
Strain development and genetic engineering	
Sustainable, circular and low-impact Algae Cultivation Systems	

Biorefinery and Valorization of Algae Biomass	
Synthetic Biology and AI Integration	
Economic, Policy, and Social Research	

The detail of these sub-thematics is contained in the Call Text, see paragraph 2.2.

2.0 PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES AND ORGANISATIONS

2.1 Main representative (Project PI) administrative information

<i>Principal Investigator - Consortium Coordinator</i>			
<i>First Name</i>		<i>Last name</i>	
<i>Email</i>		<i>Phone number</i>	
<i>Gender</i>	Female; Male; Non-binary	<i>Personal website</i>	
<i>Job Title</i>		Principal investigator's website <i>Please insert links towards professional profiles (Personal webpage or website, Research gate, Google scholar, ORCID, ...)</i>	
Professional status	Choose between: -Professor -Assistant Professor -Associate Professor -Senior Scientist -Post-doc -PhD Student -Other status	Other status, specify	

Career Stage¹	Choose between: -Category A: Top grade researcher -Category B: Senior researcher -Category C: Recognised researcher -Category D: First stage researcher -N: Not applicable		
Employment status information	Choose between: - on a permanent position - on fixed-term position		
Funding body (if fixed- term position)		Duration of contract in months (if fixed-term position)	
Complete list of publications, if any. <i>Up to 5 most important achievements, publications, IP (e.g. patents), relevant to the Thematic Portfolio chosen.</i>	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.		
Expertise and role in the project? <i>Please describe the your expertise and role in the project (1000 characters max).</i>			
Motivations to join the chosen Thematic Portfolio? <i>Please describe your expertise and role in the project, relevant to the chosen Thematic Portfolio activites (no character limit).</i>			

Principal Investigator - Mandatory declarations

¹ Category A: the single highest grade/post at which research is normally conducted, e.g., "director of research" or "full professor".

Category B: Researchers working in positions not as senior as top position (a) but more senior than newly qualified doctoral graduates, e.g., "senior researcher", "principal investigator" or "associate/assistant professor".

Category C: the first grade/post into which a newly qualified doctoral graduate would normally be recruited, e.g., "researcher", "investigator" or "post-doctoral fellow".

Category D: Either doctoral students at the IsCED level 8 who are engaged as researchers or researchers working in posts that do not normally require a doctorate degree, e.g., "Ph.D. students" or "junior researchers" (without a Ph.D). These categories are defined in Frascati manual from OECD <https://www.oecd.org/sti/inno/frascati-manual.htm> (page 249).

Declarations	Tick box
<p>Application submission on behalf of the project's consortium. <i>By ticking the box, I confirm that I am the PI of the Project (described under 3_CRITERIA) and I confirm that the members of the Project consortium are aware, and agree with the content of the present application.</i></p>	
<p>Declaration of commitment, availability, and capacity to engage <i>By ticking this box, I declare my availability, my commitment and full capacity to be engaged in the Thematic Portfolio activities for a duration of 2 years, including the ability to cover the costs of participation to the Portfolio activities. I will send a declaration of commitment (mandatory letter signed by the PI (and alternate, if any) and their respective organisations (e.g. relevant financial service) to sbep-portfolio@agencerecherche.fr by the set submission deadline.</i></p>	
<p>Communication skills in english <i>By ticking the box, I declare that my oral and written communication skills in English are sufficient to ensure effective exchanges and activities of the chosen Thematic Portfolio.</i></p>	
<p>Conflict of Interests, confidentiality and non-disclosure <i>By ticking the box, I understand that if selected, as project representative, I will have to approve and manually sign “A Code of Conduct related to Conflict of Interests, confidentiality and non-disclosure” (mandatory). As project representative, I must demonstrate ethical conduct and respect the confidentiality of all information and documents as part of the Portfolio activities, and must declare the absence of any conflict of interest.</i></p>	
<p>Privacy policy <i>By ticking this box, as project representative, I agree to the use, share (for specific purposes: e.g. selection process, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership-specific communication) and the storage of projects-related information according to the Partnership Privacy Policy and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, https://www.bluepartnership.eu/terms-use-and-privacy-policy).</i></p>	

2.2 Details of the organisation (Project PI)

Research organisation / Company			
<p>Legal full name of the research organisation / Company</p>		<p>Short name (acronym) of the research organisation/ Company – if any</p>	

Website			
Country		<i>Dropdown menu</i>	If other (please specify)
Street name (optional)			Number (optional)
PO Box (optional)			Postal code (optional)
Town (optional)			Cedex (optional)
Project PI Organisation Type		Choose between: - HES: Higher or Secondary Education Establishments - REC: Research Organisations (including RTOs – Research and Technology Organisations) - PRC: Private for-profit entities (excluding Higher or Secondary Education Establishments) - PUB: Public Bodies (excluding Research Organisations and Higher or Secondary Education Establishments) - OTH: Other (e.g. non-profit organisation)	
Status		Choose between: -Private -Publics	
If Private	Choose between: - Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status). - Enterprise other than SME. - Other.		If other (please specify)
Type of stakeholder from quadruple helix		Choose between: -Industry -Government -Research institutes -Public	
Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory			
Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory		Country	<i>Dropdown menu</i>
Street name (optional)			Number (optional)
PO Box (optional)			Postal code (optional)
Town (optional)			Cedex (optional)

2.3 Alternate representative administrative information (if any)

Alternate (Consortium's partner PI)			
First Name		Last name	
Email		Phone number	
Gender	Female; Male; Non-binary	Personal website	
Job Title		Principal investigator's website <i>Please insert links towards professional profiles (Personal webpage or website, Research gate, Google scholar, ORCID, ...)</i>	
Professional status	Choose between: -Professor -Assistant Professor -Associate Professor -Senior Scientist -Post-doc -PhD Student -Other status	Other status, specify	
Career Stage²	Choose between: -Category A: Top grade researcher -Category B: Senior researcher -Category C: Recognised researcher -Category D: First stage researcher -N: Not applicable		
Employment status information	Choose between: - on a permanent position - on fixed-term position		
Funding body (if fixed- term position)		Duration of contract in months (if fixed-term position)	
Complete list of publications, if any. <i>Up to 5 most important achievements, publications, IP (e.g.</i>	1. 2. 3. 4.		

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<i>patents), relevant to the Thematic Portfolio chosen.</i>	5.
Expertise and role in the project? <i>Please describe the your expertise and role in the project (1000 characters max).</i>	
Motivations to join the chosen Thematic Portfolio? <i>Please describe your expertise and role in the project, relevant to the chosen Thematic Portfolio activites (no character limit).</i>	

Principal Investigator - Mandatory declarations	
Declarations	Tick box
<p>Declaration of commitment, availability, and capacity to engage <i>By ticking this box, I declare my availability, my commitment and full capacity to be engaged in the Thematic Portfolio activities for a duration of 2 years, including the ability to cover the costs of participation to the Portfolio activities. I will send a declaration of commitment (mandatory letter signed by the PI (and alternate, if any) and their respective organisations (e.g. relevant financial service) to sbep-portfolio@agencerecherche.fr by the set submission deadline.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Communication skills in english <i>By ticking the box, I declare that my oral and written communication skills in English are sufficient to ensure effective exchanges and activities of the chosen Thematic Portfolio.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Conflict of Interests, confidentiality and non-disclosure <i>By ticking the box, I understand that if selected, as project representative, I will have to approve and manually sign “A Code of Conduct related to Conflict of Interests, confidentiality and non-disclosure” (mandatory). As project representative, I must demonstrate ethical conduct and respect the confidentiality of all information and documents as part of the Portfolio activities, and must declare the absence of any conflict of interest.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Privacy policy <i>By ticking this box, as project representative, I agree to the use, share (for specific purposes: e.g. selection process, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership-specific communication) and the storage of projects-related</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

information according to the Partnership Privacy Policy and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, https://www.bluepartnership.eu/terms-use-and-privacy-policy).	
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2.4 Details of the organisation (Alternate)

Research organisation / Company			
Legal full name of the research organisation / Company		Short name (acronym) of the research organisation/ Company – if any	
Website			
Country	<i>Dropdown menu</i>	If other (please specify)	
Street name (optional)		Number (optional)	
PO Box (optional)		Postal code (optional)	
Town (optional)		Cedex (optional)	
Project PI Organisation Type	Choose between: - HES: Higher or Secondary Education Establishments - REC: Research Organisations (including RTOs – Research and Technology Organisations) - PRC: Private for-profit entities (excluding Higher or Secondary Education Establishments) - PUB: Public Bodies (excluding Research Organisations and Higher or Secondary Education Establishments) - OTH: Other (e.g. non-profit organisation)		
Status	Choose between: -Private -Publics		
If Private	Choose between: - Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status). - Enterprise other than SME. - Other.	If other (please specify)	
Type of stakeholder from quadruple helix	Choose between: -Industry -Government -Research institutes -Public		
Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory			
Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory		Country	<i>Dropdown menu</i>

Street name (optional)		Number (optional)	
PO Box (optional)		Postal code (optional)	
Town (optional)		Cedex (optional)	

3.0 COMPLIANCE WITH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Project title			
Short name / Acronym			
Source of funding		Specify the source of funding <i>e.g. SBEP</i>	
Project duration (project period) in Months			
Start Date (DD/MM/YY) ³		End Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Consortium Composition <i>organisations and countries involved</i>			
Full name of organisations	Acronym	Country	Source of funding <i>e.g. National funding, ANR</i>
Geographical coverage (Choose up to five EU Sea-Basins ⁴ , if others, please specify below)	<i>Dropdown Menu (North Sea, Baltic Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and Atlantic Ocean)</i>		

³ Projects must be active and ongoing during the Thematic Portfolio Activities timeframe (From Jan 2026 to Early 2028)

⁴ Projects must target at least one geographical area among: Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, Baltic Sea, North Sea, Atlantic Ocean. If applicable, projects must indicate regional areas (e.g. Arctic Ocean, Barents Sea, Celtic

If other sea basin(s) (please specify)	
Keywords <i>min 1 keyword, max 10 keywords</i>	
Summary <i>Please summarise your project (2800 characters max).</i>	
Scope of projects' R&I activities ? <i>Projects must fall in the scope of at least one sub-thematic of one of the two proposed topics. Please explain how your project fits well to the scope of the chosen Thematic Portfolio (2800 characters max).</i>	

4.0 REMINDERS OF THE CALL TEXT

- Principal Investigator and Alternate (if any):

Each project should be represented by the principal investigator. Another representative of the project consortium (as PI of a Partner) can be proposed at the submission step.

- ▶ *The PI has the responsibility of submitting the interest on behalf of the project's consortium*
- ▶ *The PI and alternate (if any) must be employed by an organisation belonging to one of the countries participating in the Partnership⁵.*
- ▶ *The PI and alternate (if any) must belong to one of the four major sectors of the quadruple helix: industry, government, research institutes, and the public.*
- ▶ *Representatives must have the professional capacity and relevant expertise to participate in the Thematic Portfolio Activities. Representatives must have good oral and written communication skills in English, to ensure effective exchanges and activities of the Thematic Portfolio. The fulfilment of the relevance of the profiles (as representatives of the*

Sea, Adriatic Sea, Aegean Seas, etc.) or their scope must be proved to be relevant for one or more above mentioned geographical areas.

⁵ Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine.

project)/expertise/communication skills must be demonstrated as part of the application (through mandatory CV or other relevant information).

- Commitment, availability capacity to engage:

Representatives must be in a capacity to commit to the Thematic Portfolio Activities (including 2 on-site meetings) and must prove their ability to allocate the necessary resources to participate in the Portfolio activities (self-funding).

A declaration of commitment (letter signed by the PI/alternate, and their respective organisations (e.g. relevant financial service)) are mandatory to confirm:

- ▶ *the availability and the commitment to participate in the Portfolio activities, including two on-site meetings (venues to be determined).*
- ▶ *the capacity to engage with other projects' quadruple helix stakeholders operating at (local)regional/national/European scale.*
- ▶ *the ability to cover the cost of participation to the Portfolio activities, including the travel/accomodation costs related to the two on-site meetings (venues to be determined).*

- Submission of an interest: a single-step process will apply, with a mandatory submission of interest (see 6.3.).

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